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SUBJECT: SECOND US FIRM INTERESTED IN VISITING HANOI

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 18 LEIGHTON H. SLATTERY, AN ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY U.S. FIRM, PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS (PA&E), RESIDENT IN JAKARTA AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY SAME FIRM IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MET WITH DCM AND E/CM COUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 18. PURPOSE OF SLATTERY'S VISIT WAS TO REVIEW USG POLICY (REF B) REGARDING AMCITS VISITING HANOI, AND COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF IT WERE GIVEN TO HIM.

2. SLATTERY REPORTED THAT HE HAD MET WITH HANOI REPS IN JAKARTA TWICE AT THEIR INVITATION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD AUTHORED THREE EXTENSIVE ENGINEERING REPORTS ON MEKONG RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH HIM IN HANOI TO REVIEW HIS REPORTS IN TERMS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROGRAMMING.

3. SLATTERY SAID THAT HE HAD A SECOND INTEREST IN TAKING
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ADVANTAGE OF HANOI'S INVITATION IN THAT HIS FIRM HAD

REPRESENTED A NUMBER U.S. PETROLEUM COMPANIES INCLUDING ALLIED CHEMICAL, UNION OF TEXAS, ETC., IN VIETNAM AND THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN ASSURING THAT U.S. FIRMS WERE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE WORK PREVIOUSLY STARTED REGARDING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. HE SAID HE KNEW THAT EUROPEAN, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN FIRMS HAD BEEN INVITED BY BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM TO RETURN IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SUBJECT.

4. SLATTERY REPORTED THAT HIS WIFE, WHO IS NOW AN AMCIT, WAS FORMERLY SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZEN AND THAT HER BROTHER, WHO HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEM, HAD APPLIED FOR A FRENCH PASSPORT IN HOPE THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE LEAVE SOUTH VIETNAM. SLATTERY ALSO OBSERVED THAT ANOTHER RELATIVE OF HIS WIFE WAS FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF AIR VIETNAM.

5. HE OBSERVED THAT HANOI REPS IN JAKARTA WERE EXTREMELY CORDIAL, AND ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO THEIR OFFICES THEY HAD COMPLETE DOSSIER ON HIM INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH FROM VIETNAM.

6. AFTER REVIEWING DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO VISITING SUCH COUNTRIES, HE SAID HE IS UNSURE THIS TIME WHAT STEPS HE MAY TAKE BUT WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.
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